

# Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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Fifteen ribbons, representing the parents of students who are currently deployed, line the stage before the start of the yellow ribbon ceremony.



Corporal Joseph Blake, cannonier, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, helps second grader Hunter Grace Jernigan place a ribbon on a tree for her father, who is currently deployed to Kuwait. Aikahi Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii, held a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony April 5, in honor of all the students who have parents who serve in the military.

## Local school honors service members

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Press Chief

*And on, a tree, they placed a yellow ribbon, they placed it in the springtime, in the merry month of April.*

The words to the popular cadence have been changed a bit, but the meaning still remains the same. The yellow ribbon, no matter how it's referred to, is a symbol used to let service members know they are wanted and welcomed home.

Students from Aikahi Elementary School in Kailua, Hawaii, placed yellow ribbons around trees and on a fence to honor service members deployed around the world during a Yellow Ribbon Ceremony at the school April 5.

Fifteen students placed big yellow ribbons around trees in honor of family members currently deployed. The rest of the student body placed small yellow ribbons on a fence along the road in front of the school.

Each student received an American flag as he or she entered the school cafeteria. They waved their flags, some students sang along, as "God Bless America" played. Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, asked the students to rise and place their flags over their heart while colors were marched on and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

After the national anthem played, Gay Kong, principal, spoke to the students about the history of the yellow ribbon and called all of the students who have parents currently deployed to the front of the room.

Six Marines from 1/12 escorted three children to a tree and helped them place the ribbon around it.

There are approximately 122 students in the school who have a parent who serves in the military, which makes up 26 percent of the student population, said Drew Jernigan, parent volunteer and coordinator of the ceremony.

The 18,000 inches of newly placed ribbon will remain up until the end of the school year, Jernigan said.

Jernigan's husband is currently deployed and she has two children attending the school. She said she wanted to do this because there was nothing at the school to support the children of service members.

"It's important for the school to know if a parent is gone," she said. "I encourage teachers to learn more about their students. When a parent is deployed a student's grades or health can suffer. It is a very emotional time for them."

"The ceremony also gives the students the sense of pride and awareness that they are not alone and that others are going through the same thing."

Most of the Marines from 1/12 recently deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism; however, there are a few Marines who have remained behind for various reasons and will continue to support the school through the Adopt-A-School program.

For more information on the Adopt-A-School program, call Amy Madsen, school liaison officer, at 257-8281.



Students wave American flags before the ceremony.



Students hold miniature American flags across their hearts while the national anthem is played.



Students, their parents, and Marines prepare to place yellow ribbons around various trees on the school grounds.



# Medal reminds captain of fallen comrades



Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks  
Fellow Marines lined up to thank Capt. Elliot Mora from Combat Service Support Group 3, for the sacrifices he made while serving in Iraq at an awards ceremony held here Monday.

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Friends and fellow Marines gathered to recognize the sacrifice and courage of one of their own during a ceremony here April 2.

Major Gen. Willie J. Williams, commanding general, Logistics Command, Albany, Ga., presented the medal to Capt. Elliot Mora, general account storage officer-in-charge, Combat Support Service Group 3.

He served as an embedded advisor with the Iraqi Army’s Military Transition Team 11, in Hit, Iraq.

Mora was wounded during a memorial ceremony for his friend and fellow advisor Capt. Robert M. Secher, Oct. 9, 2006.

“Captain Secher was my roommate and a good friend; he was shot by a sniper while on patrol in Hit,” said Mora.

The day after Secher was killed by enemy fire, Mora began to plan a memorial ceremony for him. During a rehearsal, the compound came under mortar fire.

During the attack Mora took shrapnel to both his legs and was peppered with metal down his back and arms.

According to Mora, most of the shrapnel remains in him, as it would be potentially damaging to surgically remove the pieces.

“They just stitched me up and

put me on light duty for about a month,” said Mora.

Despite the injuries Mora continued with his tour, rehabilitating himself while still serving with the MiTT team.

He still continues physical therapy and will have to for an undetermined amount of time. However, Mora said this would not stop his career.

He said it would take far more than shrapnel to break him away from his brotherhood.

“I will most definitely stay in the Marine Corps,” he added. “The rest of the Marines still serving, my brothers, they’re the reason I still keep going.”

As tragic as the attack was, Mora said some good was taken away from it.

“Once (the Iraqi soldiers) saw that I was shedding blood next to them it was a new experience that created a much tighter bond between us,” said Mora. “There were a few (soldiers) that came up to me who said they felt a new brotherhood after surviving those attacks together.”

Mora said receiving the Purple Heart for his sacrifice is a double-edged sword.

“I’m humbled by this award,” he said. “I cannot help but think about those whose injuries are more tragic and severe than my own.”

The Purple Heart is a unique

award. It is one of the only medals in which the word “congratulations” is not appropriate praise for its recipient. Instead, this award is meant to be associated with thanks and gratitude for the individual’s sacrifice.

“The Purple Heart is the only decoration that attests, without question, to the bearer having been in combat and one that an individual cannot be recommended for,” quoted from Tom Poulter, National Commander, The Military Order of the Purple Heart.

For Mora this medal reminds him of the thanks and appreciation his fallen comrades and brothers in arms deserve.

“I think of my friend Michael who didn’t come back. This award symbolizes his complete sacrifice,” said Mora. “It’s people like him who deserve the thanks.”

Williams said he was honored to be able to present this award to such an exemplary officer and one he expects great things from in the future.

“This is an opportunity to present the wonderful things that our young people are doing as they step up to serve our country,” said Williams. “As it has been said many times before, freedom has a high price and the actions of Captain Mora prove that freedom is indeed not free.”

# Commentary: Waiting for Easter to be fun again

**Cpl. Mark Fayloga**  
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Well, it’s that time of year again. The time of year when the average American will consume 2.3 Peeps, roughly three percent of the yearly total of greeting cards will be sold and commercials with a delightful clucking-bunny will appear on my television set. It’s Easter and, forgive me Lord for saying so, I just can’t seem to get excited for it like I used to.

Easter just isn’t as non-discriminating a holiday as say ... Halloween or Christmas. People of all ages can enjoy those holidays. I hate to say it, but unless you are a kid or you have a kid it’s hard to get excited about Easter.

While Christmas was great with presents and snow, Halloween exciting with candy and costumes, none of them could match Easter as a kid and now that it’s here again I can’t help but long for those good old days.

My Easter Sunday would begin with church, where I would listen to the same Easter sermon I had heard the year before, and the year before that, and would continue to hear in the following years. There was a comfort in its familiarity.

Sitting in the unusually cramped pews I would always wonder why all these extra people showed up on this Sunday, but not on any of the other ones.

Following church, my family would begin its Easter tradition. Uncles and Aunts on both sides of the family would meet at our house to eat and join in on what I like to call “THE Easter Egg Hunt.” I put the extra emphasis on ‘the’ because in all my years I’ve yet to see an Easter egg hunt match the ones at my family gatherings. No city event or church function could even come close to its grandeur.

Whoever owned the house before us had built a sort of farm in the backyard. A large fenced off area with chicken coops and stables. There were literally thousands of places to hide an Easter egg. With both sides of the family present there were dozens of kids ranging in ages from 17-weeks-old to 17-years-old.

Early in the day, my mother and my aunts would scratch their maternal itch by gathering the younger kids together to paint Easter eggs. It was a great time for them, bonding with their children before they outgrew arts and crafts. I didn’t join in on this practice, that was baby stuff and I was 8-years old after all. I couldn’t risk being seen by an older brother or cousin; their teasing would no doubt be relentless.

With this going on the kids in my age range would play whatever game we had made up at the moment while the older chil-

*“There is no better way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus than by duking it out with your siblings and cousins for Easter eggs.”*

dren tossed around a football or played a pick-up game of basketball.

The men, meaning my father and uncles, would gather outside smoking and talking about various sports teams until it became time to prepare for the hunt. When they began to fill up the plastic Easter eggs all games would cease and the children would gather on the outskirts like vultures waiting for their chance to feast.

While the vast majority of the 500 plus eggs were filled with candy and other little treats, some had special prizes like money or vouchers. The vouchers had things written on them like, “No chores for one week,” or “Good for one trip to the movies.”

The best voucher was the one that automatically ended your punishment. You could do something wrong and after your folks had yelled at you and grounded you for a week you could whip out your voucher and void their sentence.

The best part about that voucher was how often your parents would forget you had it. Seeing a look of shock on your old man’s face because his punishment has just been rendered obsolete is one of the greatest victories a child can have.

As great as the vouchers were, there was one egg that all the kids were gunning for – “The Money Egg.” Quite a few of the eggs were filled with a dollar, or a five, or two bucks in quarters but each year one of the eggs was filled with a small fortune (at least to a kid). The adults of the family would all pitch in whatever they could and it wasn’t unusual for “The Money Egg” to top a hundred bucks.

Sitting on the outskirts, watching them work, the kids would yell out to one another whenever they noticed something worth mentioning. “Uncle Ray just put a five in one,” one of my cousins would shout excitedly. After the last egg was sealed and the children shared all of the gathered information we were corralled into the house so the eggs could be hidden.

While the men hid the eggs it was the duty of the women to keep the children away from the windows. We all waited in the living room, packed together like sardines. Our hearts racing, waiting for the great hunt to begin. I imagine we went through the same range of emotions that a gladiator experiences prior to entering the coliseum.

On occasion, somebody would slip

through the defense of the women and manage to make it to a window. After being busted and returned to the group they would share the results of their spying. “I saw Uncle Rudy sticking some in the trees and Uncle Anthony was in the chicken coop.” The crowd would buzz with the new revelation and carefully plot how to make it to the chicken coop first.

We all knew the drill. Once the last egg was hidden we would be taken outside. They released us in three groups. The youngest went first, after a few minutes they were followed by the medium age-range and then eventually the older kids would join in.

The younger kids going first didn’t bother me. They either weren’t tall enough or smart enough to find the good eggs and most of them were accompanied by their mom who would cheer them on and help them put the eggs in their basket.

The key to the hunt was to gather as many eggs as you could before the older kids were released because once that happened the backyard became a battlefield. Toddlers were toppled, knees were skinned and braids were tugged relentlessly. There is no better way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus than by duking it out with your siblings and cousins for Easter eggs.

The adults would stand by watching the carnage, silently documenting which eggs had been found and which were still hidden. This year in particular there was one egg that had yet to be discovered. The majority of the kids were happy with

their harvest and began heading back into the house until my uncle said it was “The Money Egg.”

The kids went wild at the statement. No stone went unturned in the quest for the egg. Trees were ravaged, dust from scuffling feet clouded the air and somehow, through all the madness I spotted the egg atop the chicken coop. There was one problem though. I was too short to reach it. I pulled a branch from a nearby tree and tried to swat it down, I didn’t get to make more than two swats at it before my oldest cousin Mike noticed me. Mike had no trouble reaching the roof and taking the (my) egg down. The hunt was over and the kids headed inside to examine their prizes.

I was heartbroken. The egg was rightfully mine. I saw it first and I knew how I could get it back. I could tell on him. I managed to get some tears in my eyes and ran over to my father. Sobbing I told him what had happened.

After listening to my story, puffing away at a cigarette my father used his “go to” resolution and asked me if I, “really wanted something to cry about?” I wiped the crocodile tears from my face and walked away; there was no point in arguing my case. I knew as well as anybody else that there are no rules during the hunt.

As each year would pass we would continue the tradition but there would be fewer and fewer kids. It wasn’t long until I was the mean older cousin stealing all the good eggs.

I miss those celebrations. Nowadays, there aren’t enough children in the family to have a hunt like the ones of my youth. All the former competitors are now grown up and only a handful have children. So for now, all I can do is wait and take solace in the fact that one day, when my generation of the family become the grown ups, we will revive the great hunt. When that day arrives I’ll beam with pride and when my son comes walking up to me with crocodile tears in his eyes it will be my turn to ask him if he really wants something to cry about.



Photo illustration by Cpl. Mark Fayloga

## MOVIE TIME

**Prices:** Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m., shows are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee is shown at 2 p.m. Shows are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday are at 6:30 p.m. and late shows are shown Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

**Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Music & Lyrics (PG13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Breach (PG13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Ghost Rider (PG13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Reno 911: Miami (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Bridge to Terabithia (PG)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Ghost Rider (PG13)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Reno 911: Miami (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Music & Lyrics (PG13)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
The Number 23 (R)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.





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Children dressed as Easter eggs wait for the start of the Child Development Center Easter parade Friday. All of the children from the center, each class dressed in a different theme, walked around the center while their parents snapped photos. This is just one of the many activities the center will be hosting for the children in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

# Military children honored for sacrifices

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*Combat Correspondent*

There are many difficulties in the lifestyles of military families. Whether it is getting stationed in a foreign country, being deployed or a work schedule that doesn't leave much time for home, military families endure many things civilian families don't.

These are all sacrifices service members make when they signed up to protect their country. However, military children were not given the same choice, they still deal with the same hardships and the never-ending change of the military lifestyle.

For this reason, the Month of the Military Child was created. Celebrated since 1983, the month-long recognition is held in April along with Kids Safety Week.

The month is all about celebrating military children in the family, said Dana Mollet, resource and referral counselor, Children, Youth and Teen Program, Marine Corps Community Services. Numerous events will be hosted throughout the month, ranging from picnics to concerts to the Art in the Park Spring Celebration.

"The events are an opportunity to get the parents of the children together and make the children feel special and

unique," said Mollet. "Remind them that they're a part of the community."

According to Marine Administrative Message 136/05, the Marine Corps has always understood the importance of shared responsibility and coordinated efforts to build strong, safe communities in which children can thrive.

Mollet, who grew up in a military family, understands the advantages of growing up as a military kid noting that, "The biggest advantage of being a military child is getting to see the world and see things that most kids never have a chance to see." However, she also remembers the difficulty of being separated from her father and cites that today's children have to deal with that problem more and more.

"It isn't just about having a parent gone; it's wondering if their parent is going to come back," added Denise Olsen, automation clerk, CYTP, MCCS. "There's a lot more stress on the kids, their parent might not come home from Iraq or Afghanistan."

Mollet agrees with Olsen and said the average six or seven year old doesn't have to worry about if their parent will make it home from work.

"Military children deal with a lot more than average children," said Olsen. "They deserve their own moment to feel important."

## — ON THE MENU — AT ANDERSON HALL

### Friday

*Lunch*  
Pepper steak  
Southern fried catfish  
Rice pilaf  
Potatoes au gratin  
Glazed carrots  
Simmered black-eyed peas  
Cream gravy  
Lemon chiffon pie  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Marble cake w/chocolate frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Lime/raspberry gelatin  
*Specialty bar: Country bar*

### Dinner

Roast turkey  
Beef pot pie  
Mashed potatoes  
Buttered egg noodles  
Calico corn  
Simmered broccoli  
Savory bread dressing  
Turkey gravy  
Cranberry sauce  
Desserts: Same as lunch

### Saturday

*Dinner*  
Baked lasagna  
Chicken parmesan  
Spaghetti noodles  
Marinara sauce  
Italian mixed vegetables  
Simmered peas & carrots  
Garlic bread  
Cherry pie  
Ginger molasses cookies  
Spice cake w/butter cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Strawberry/lemon gelatin

### Sunday

*Dinner*  
Barbeque beef cubes  
Baked turkey & noodles  
Steamed rice  
Creole green beans  
Simmered cabbage  
Chicken gravy  
Sweet potato pie  
Chocolate chip cookies  
Yellow cake w/chocolate chip frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Cherry/orange gelatin

### Monday

*Lunch*  
Meat loaf  
Pork ham roast  
Tossed green rice

Mashed potatoes  
Peas & mushrooms  
French fried cauliflower  
Brown gravy  
Boston cream pie  
Peanut butter cookies  
Peanut butter cake w/peanut butter cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Lime/raspberry gelatin  
*Specialty bar: Pasta*

### Dinner

Beef Brogul  
Baked Cajun Salmon Steaks  
Potatoes O'brian  
Noodles Jefferson  
Club Spinach  
Mixed Vegetables  
Brown Gravy  
Desserts: same as lunch

### Tuesday

*Lunch*  
Simmered corned beef w/apple glaze  
Honey glazed cornish hens  
Parsley buttered potatoes  
Rice pilaf  
Fried cabbage w/bacon  
Simmered carrots  
Chicken gravy  
Mustard sauce  
Blueberry pie  
Oatmeal cookies  
Strawberry shortcake  
Vanilla cream pudding  
Chocolate cream pudding  
Cherry parfait  
Strawberry parfait  
*Specialty bar: Taco*

### Dinner

Baked tuna & noodles  
Sweet & sour pork  
Pork fried rice  
Steamed rice  
Simmered broccoli  
Simmered pinto beans  
Turkey gravy  
Chow mein noodles  
Blueberry pie  
Oatmeal cookies  
Strawberry shortcake  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Cherry/strawberry parfait  
Desserts: same as lunch

### Wednesday

*Lunch*  
Five spice chicken

Beef yakisoba  
Pork fried rice  
Vegetable stir fry  
Corn O'brien  
Banana cream pie  
Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies  
Carrot cake w/cream cheese frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Lime/raspberry gelatin  
*Specialty bar: Hot dog & sausage*

### Dinner

Steak smothered w/onions  
Southern fried catfish  
Mashed potatoes  
Baked macaroni & cheese  
Southern style green beans  
Fried okra  
Brown gravy  
Desserts same as lunch

### Thursday

*Lunch*  
Turkey a la king  
Beef stroganoff  
Mashed potatoes  
Boiled egg noodles  
Peas and carrots  
Simmered mixed vegetables  
Turkey gravy  
Peach pie  
Cheesecake w/blueberry topping  
Chewy nut bars  
White cake w/mocha cream frosting  
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding  
Orange/strawberry gelatin  
*Specialty bar: Deli bar*

### Dinner

Braised liver w/onions  
Honey ginger chicken  
Chili macaroni  
Grilled cheese sandwich  
Rice pilaf  
Boiled egg noodles  
Lyonnaisse carrots  
Club spinach  
Chicken gravy  
Desserts same as lunch





Movie review: ‘The Last Mimzy’



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Editor’s note: Hawaii Marine’s combat correspondents will provide readers with in-depth reviews and unbiased ratings of a film currently in theaters or one of the many classics of yesterday.

The rating system requires some explanation before you get started. If the film being reviewed is currently available for rent or purchase it will be assigned a certain number of “microwaves” on a scale of one to four to rate its “reheat factor.”

If the film being reviewed is in theaters, it will be assigned a certain number of service stripes on a scale from one to four.

In other words, the more microwaves or service stripes the film receives, the better and more entertaining it is to watch.



Rating: 1 out of 4

My daughter and I took a trip to the mall and while we were there decided to see a movie. After spending about five minutes reading the different movies currently showing, we decided to see the only PG movie playing...“The Last Mimzy.”

The movie started very slowly. A lady and a group of children are sitting in a beautiful field of flowers as she begins to tell the story about the trouble of mankind.

The film depicts a typical American family containing a busy dad who doesn’t have much time for his family, a brother and sister that don’t get along and a supportive mother and wife who doesn’t really seem to get mad about anything (okay...maybe that’s not so typical).

The family plans a trip to a house on a lake. Of course, the busy dad gets called to

work before the big trip and the understanding wife goes ahead and takes the children on vacation.

While playing on the beach, the children spot something shiny in the water. After retrieving the item, they open it and discover strange rocks. Each time they open the box there is a different object to include Mimzy.

Mimzy, a bunny, was created in the future and sent back to different time periods by its scientist, and only speaks to the little girl.

Since the children found the box, they gained special powers like being able to sound like a spider or make sugar float in the air.

I waited and waited and waited for something interesting to happen while trying to keep my daughter interested in the movie.

Once they were back home the boy pulls out two of the objects and they mold together creating a totally different object. As they molded together it created a loud noise, causing a massive black out in the city.

So, for a second I got excited. Maybe this movie was going to start getting better. I was wrong.

Then the FBI gets involved. The investigators are able to trace where the power outage started from and they bust through the door of the family’s house and take them all, including Mimzy, to FBI Headquarters.

Mimzy helps the brother and sister escape the high security FBI facility. They hop in a bread truck and drive back to the vacation house. Yes, this 10-year-old boy and 6-year-old girl, drive themselves until they run out of gas.

Luckily the boy’s weird teacher had a dream about him and was able to find them and take them to the house.

The little girl holds the bunny and cries. One little teardrop hits the center of the bunny’s belly. Is that really important? Yes, it is.

The boy and girl figure out how to send Mimzy back to the future. Of course, the FBI and the children’s parents are at the house now watching the spectacular scene.

The mean, bad FBI guys say they are “sorry” for everything and let the family go and Mimzy makes it to the future. Where its creator is elated to see it. With the purity of one child’s teardrop the scientist was able to save mankind. How? I don’t know.

So, the teacher finishes the story and her students float away to their homes.

What? That was it? I walked out puzzled. Maybe there is some deeper meaning I just didn’t get.

All I know is this. I spent a majority of the movie trying to keep my daughter entertained and the parts she did enjoy didn’t last very long.

So, if you’re still curious about the movie, I would say it’s worth taking a look, however, I’d wait until it’s at the base theater and save a couple of bucks.

Officer, SNCO Clubs to offer pre-paid memberships

Press Release

Marine Corps Community Services

Personnel joining officer and staff noncommissioned officer clubs now have a choice of two membership cards. As of April 1, in addition to the standard membership card issued by Chase Bank, a pre-paid membership card will also be available.

The pre-paid card is the ideal choice for those who want the benefits of club membership, without the credit card feature of the standard card. The new card serves as a membership benefits identification card and allows members to pre-pay annual dues once a year. Any remaining pre-paid dues are refunded if the member deploys and the card is transferable on reassignment.

The expansion of the Club Membership Program was made in response to a recent survey of officers and SNCOs that identified the requirement for a choice of club cards.

The standard club membership card issued by Chase Bank is still available for members who prefer a credit card that can be used off base and dues will be billed on a monthly basis. This standard card features the Military Free Cash Rewards Program, which offers a 2 percent rebate for every dollar spent in MCCS



"Blue Star" benefit to members deployed to combat areas. This benefit refunds all interest accrued to the account for up to one year while allowing the deployed member's family the continued use of the card interest free. Club membership dues are also discontinued during deployments.

Marine Corps leadership has asserted that club membership is inherent to the culture of the Corps and that every officer and SNCO has a professional responsibility to support their Club by becoming a member. The clubs provide valuable socialization and mentoring opportunities for Marines and serve the Marine Corps as the venue for official functions. All active duty officers and SNCO, reservists, military retirees, and Civilian Marines are invited and encouraged to join the clubs. For additional information on club membership, contact your installation club manger or visit [www.onecorps.club.com](http://www.onecorps.club.com).

Silent auto auction underway

A silent auction is now underway at the Auto Skills Center, Building 3097, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for bids on the vehicles listed below. Bids will be taken by placing a sealed ballot in a box provided at the Auto Skills Center. Bidding will close at the close of business on Monday. The boxes will be opened the day after closing, and the persons with the highest bids will be notified.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL		MIN BID	REMARKS
1994	FORD	BRONCO II	4X4	\$100.00	Runs, some body work
1989	FORD	BRONCO FS		\$1,000.00	Runs good, some TLC
1993	TOYOTA	CELICA		\$1,000.00	Needs fuel pump
1975	CHEVY	NOVA		\$300.00	Runs, body work
1989	ISUZU	TRUCK		\$50.00	Parts only
1994	HONDA	CIVIC		\$200.00	Runs good
1988	FORD	MUSTANG HP V8-460		\$1,500.00	Runs, high performance car
1998	ACURA	INTEGRA		\$1,000.00	Runs, looks good
1993	CHRYSLER	NEW YORKER		\$500.00	Runs good, clean
1995	BUICK	RIVERA		\$1,000.00	Needs power steering pump
1992	HONDA	ACCORD		\$200.00	Runs good, motor mounts
1997	CHEVY	TRUCK		\$1,000.00	Runs, needs body work
1989	JEEP	WRANGLER		\$1,100.00	Runs, some TLC
1993	NISSAN	ALTIMA		\$900.00	Runs good, some body work

NOTES: HP HIGH PERFORMANCE  
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For auto info, call 254-7674 or e-mail [carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org).



Book review: ‘Lamb, The Gospel According to Biff, Christ’s Childhood Pal’



Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks  
Combat Correspondent

The Bible is a book as old as time. Not just a single piece of literature by one author, but hundreds of letters, personal journals, historical accounts all put together in one tremendous volume. The authors stand as some of the most famous men in history.

The “Good Book” chronicles the life and death and in some cases the resurrection of its main characters, but why is the first 33 years of Jesus’ life missing from the story? No one knows, except Biff.

Biff, the character in Christopher Moore’s laugh out loud novel called “Lamb, The Gospel According to Biff, Christ’s Childhood Pal,” is brought back to

life to retell the whole story of how Joshua Bar Joseph became Jesus Christ.

This novel is not for the staunch religious types who might find the idea of an imaginary prophet and apostle offensive. The book takes a more cynical look at the “Good Book,” while never denying its holiness.

In a remarkable way, Moore’s humor may offend, upset and otherwise annoy those who believe in Christ, but simultaneously it offers an insightful perspective and heart-warming look at the savior.

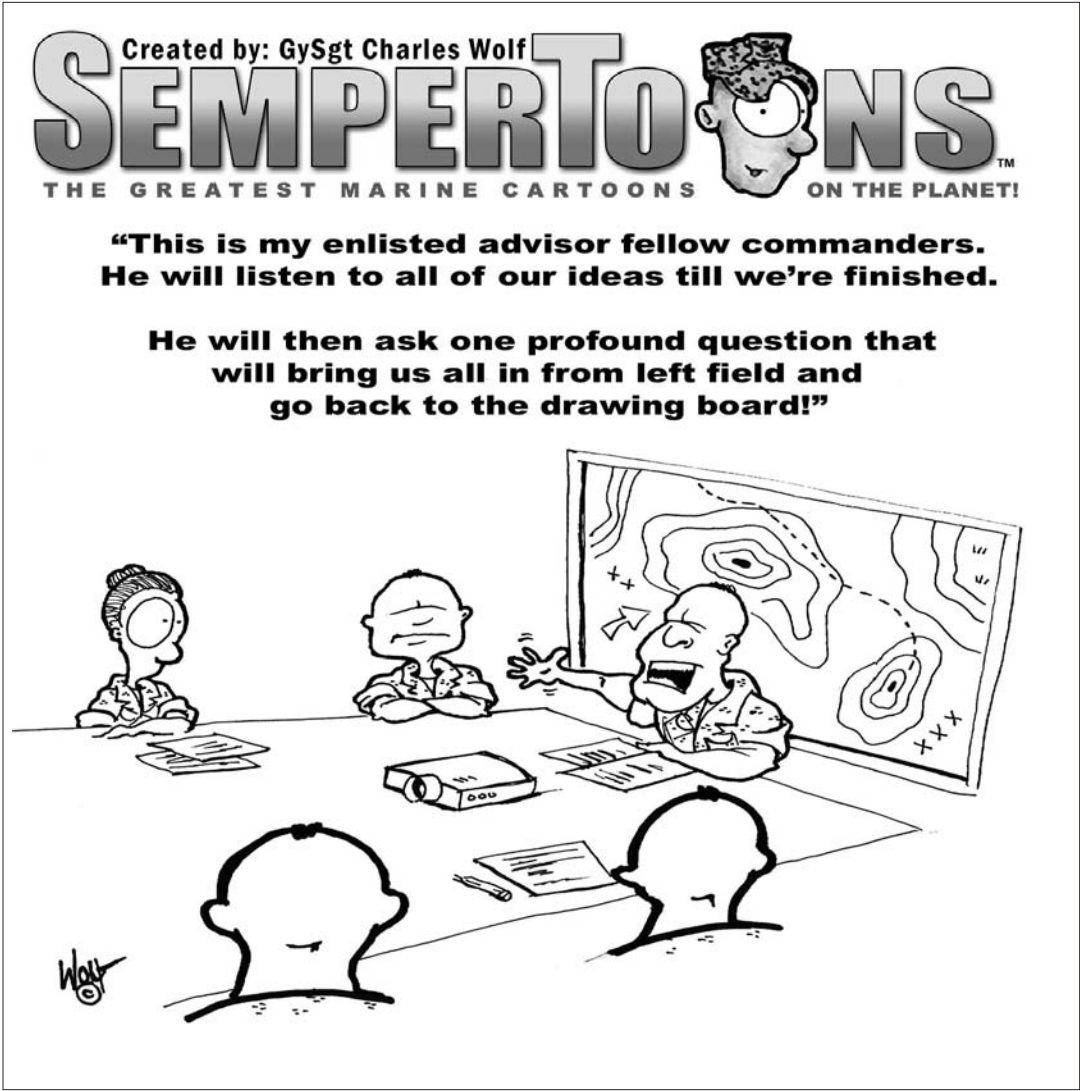
When I read parts of this book I could almost feel my soul burning and laughing at the same time. It is incredibly hard to stay upset or put down this book.

Moore has a devilishly clever sense of humor that is only suitable for adults. It might be unexpected to associate sex, scandal, murder and intrigue with a comedy story about Jesus, but at the same time it feels almost right.

Biff is essentially the comedic relief for the entire gospel of Christ. While Jesus is without sin, Biff more than makes up for his friend’s righteous ways. This book will take you from Judea all the way to India as the Christ searches for the three wise men that first looked for him in the manger. Through the journeys Jesus takes in “Lamb,” he learns what it truly means to be the savior of mankind, at least by Moore’s account.

“Lamb” is a book with a twisted life lesson. It is the best story never told.

Moore is also the author of many other bestselling comedies, such as, “Fluke,” “Practical Demon Keeping” and “Blood Sucking Fiends,” all national best sellers.





# Marine taste-testers give thumbs up

**Pfc. Ethan Hoaldridge**  
*U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific*

**U.S. MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** — Marines taste tested four new varieties of gourmet pizzas to help Marine Corps Community Services decide on how to spice up the menu at the American Eatery here.

The five Marines from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific were asked to give a thumbs up or down for each variety, to decide which ones will make it on the menu.

Michael Matsuda, American Eatery snack bar manager, prepared barbeque chicken, buffalo chicken with blue cheese dressing, taco and chicken alfredo pizzas for the Marines to try out.

Two taste-testers voted buffalo chicken the best, while the other three voted barbeque chicken as their favorite.

The alfredo was voted third and the taco pizza left a little to be desired coming in fourth, according to the Marines.

“I’d definitely come up here and buy a buffalo chicken pizza if they had it on the menu,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Shifflet, ammunition plan chief, MarForPac. “It had just the right bite – hopefully it has just the right price.”

Pizza will be on the menu once a week, probably Wednesdays, according to Ursula Hickox, the Camp H.M. Smith MCCA food operations manager. The new pizzas are scheduled to be available at the American Eatery by next week.

Service members aboard Camp H.M. Smith will soon be able to call and find out the pizza special of the day, and place phone orders for pick up at 477 - 9419.

The American Eatery will offer it by the slice and sell 14 inch whole pizzas, as opposed to the old 8 inch pizzas, according to Matsuda.

“We’re trying to add to the menus at Camp Smith to improve the quality of life for our service members here,” said Hickox. “I want to provide the best service we can, but we need feedback, positive or negative, to make educated decisions.”

Other changes in the upcoming weeks will include a new catering menu at the Sunset Lanai here, and Charlie’s Sandwich Shop at U.S. Pacific Command will have ice cream bars and fruit smoothies.

For more information about new menus and catering services call the MCCA Food Management Office at 477-3428.



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Marines taste tested four new varieties of gourmet pizzas to help Marine Corps Community Services decide on how to spice up the menu at the American Eatery here, April 4. From left to right, Sgt. Greg Buckley, Master Sgt. Bill Atwater, Sgt. Jerod Mann, Master Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Shifflet and Master Sgt. Mike Barnthouse were all volunteers from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, for the testing. Together they polished off eight pizzas, and determined that three out of five thought that barbeque chicken was the best.

## — WORD TO PASS —

### Today

**Island Tour**

The Oahu island tour begins in Building 216, room 59 at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Visit the North Shore, Honolulu and more. There is no charge and the tour is open to all active duty service members and their family members. Reservations are required. For information, call Marine and Family Services at 257-7790 or 257-7787.

**Free Concert**

A free concert will be held featuring the Marine Forces Pacific Band this evening from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center here. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music. For information, call the CDC at 257-1388.

### Saturday

**Poker Tournament**

Join the staff noncommissioned officers of Marine Corps Air Facility for a no limit Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament at the SNCO Club from 4 to 10 p.m. There is no buy-in and pupus and prizes will be available. This event is open to all club members and sponsored guests. For information, call Robbie Nicholas at 254-5481.

**Art in the Park**

Art in the Park in celebration of the Month of the Military Child, will take place at the Child Development Center from 9 a.m. to noon. This program is for children up to 10 years old. For information, call the Children, Youth and Teen Program at 257-1388.

### Ongoing

**Swimming Lessons**

Spring swim lessons are now every other Tuesday at the Main Pool. The program is available for infants to adults and is open to all active duty, family members and DoD employees. For information, call Harry Sprague at 254-7655.

**‘Almost Mother’s Day’ Social**

The Aulea Swim Club presents a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction held at the Koolau Golf Club Glass Ballroom May 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$45 or at the door for \$60. For tickets or more information, e-mail fundraiser@aulea.org or call 263-SWIM.

**Drawing Contest**

In support of Month of the Military Child, a Web-based, random selection drawing for children will be held.

Children of active duty or National Guard and Reserve sponsors who are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program are eligible for the contest. To enter, complete the form found on the TDP Web site, www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com between now and April 26. Only one entry per child is allowed. Winners will be announced May 10 on the Web site. Deadline for submission is April 26.

**Hunter Education Classes**

Hunter Education Classes are being offered by the Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources May 18 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and May 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The classes will be held at the Nimitz Center, 2nd Floor, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway, #A-212A. The class is open to anyone 10 years of age and above. Contact the Hunter Education Office at 587-0200 to pre-register or get additional information.



## SM&SP

The SM&SP will host a Madden 2007 Tournament at the Camp Smith Recreation Center, April 21, from 3 - 6 p.m. This single elimination tournament costs \$10 per person, and interested participants must register by Saturday at the SM&SP office, or by calling 254-7593.

Get up close and Personal with one of Hawaii’s most feared predators at the SM&SP’s Shark Cage & North Shore Adventures. The Adventure will begin at 5:30 a.m. on April 28. The price per person is \$85. Interested, contact the SM&SP at 254-7593 by Saturday or register at the Semper Fit Center.

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**Total Gym.** Great condition, original price \$360. Asking \$150. Call 262-1296.

**Little Tikes Variety Climber \$250,** Peg Perego battery-operated four-wheeler \$250, Fisher Price basketball hoop \$15, Step 2 wagon \$40. Call 254-4204.

### MOVING SALE

**Saturday** at 7 a.m. at 2080 A. Campion Dr. on base.

*Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.*

*The deadline for submitting ads to the Hawaii Marine is 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.*

*Ads are free and will appear in two issues of Hawaii Marine, on a space- available basis.*

*Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.*

*Those interested in advertising must bring a valid DoD-issued ID to the Hawaii Marine Office.*

*Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office located in Building 216, room 19, aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.*



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Elmo helps military families cope

Sesame Workshop offers programs geared to address the stress families endure when faced with deployment

**Sgt. Lukas M. Atwell**  
*MCAS Beaufort*

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C.** — Across the nation, thousands of military families are coping with loved ones serving overseas.

Deployments can be hard for service members and their spouses, but can be even more difficult for their children.

Sesame Workshop has responded to this issue with a program geared to address the stress families endure when faced with deploying family members.

"When Parents are Deployed," a Sesame Street television special hosted by actor Cuba Gooding Jr., was re-broadcast Monday on

PBS and builds upon "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment."

Talk, Listen, Connect is Sesame Workshop's educational outreach program designed for military families that became available online during 2006.

The program and the television special show how a Sesame Street Muppet named Elmo copes with the stages of a deployment with the help of friends and family, according to Janette Betancourt, vice president of outreach and educational practices for Sesame Workshop.

The program also included candid moments with real military families and shared their experiences as they go through each stage,

beginning with pre-deployment.

"Through research we found that families may suffer increased anxiety before a deployment begins," Betancourt explained. "The program shows that there are ways families can prepare for deployment that can take away some of that anxiety."

The special focused on how parents and children deal with life while the service member is gone, including ways that children were able to stay connected to the family member while they are deployed.

The special also addressed concerns and feelings families and their



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Elmo, Elmo's mom and his friends talk to his dad during a portion of the "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment" program.

deployed members may experience after coming home.

"Homecoming can be stressful because the family and the (service member) may have already adapted to a routine," Betancourt

said. "Suddenly, they have to get used to being together again."

The overwhelming response that Sesame Workshop received to the Talk, Listen, Connect outreach program confirmed that the program is fulfilling an unmet need for the youngest members of the military family, according to Gary E. Knell, president and chief executive officer, of Sesame Workshop.

"(We) felt that it was important to reach as many adult caregivers as possible with this valuable information," Knell said.

"I downloaded 'When Parents are Deployed' and

'Talk, Listen, Connect,'" said Katie McGregor, the spouse of a Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 533 Marine. "When I saw how the families (in the program) dealt with their situations, it made me feel like my son and I weren't alone."

For more information, check your local television listings, or to download the program, visit Sesame Workshop at [www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc](http://www.sesameworkshop.org/tlc).

DVDs and print packages in English and Spanish are also available to military parents at no cost through the Military OneSource at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).



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Elmo kisses his dad goodbye before he goes overseas to help some friends, during a portion of the "Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families During Military Deployment" program.